

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

26 April 1985

The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Lee:

The attached is pursuant to our telephone conversation yesterday.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey

Attachment

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington D.C. 20505

25 April 1985

The Editor
The Wall Street Journal
22 Cortlandt Street
New York, New York 10007

Dear Sir:

Your issue of April 24 carries a false quote from me:

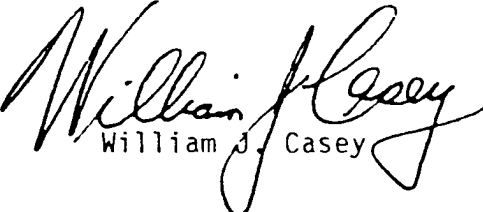
"Any compromise that's acceptable to Lee Hamilton would be repugnant to me."

He said I had told that to a White House official.

Your reporter, Robert Merry, used an anonymous source for this alleged quotation without any effort to check the accuracy of the quotation with me or my Office of Public Affairs. The truth is that I have known and worked with Mr. Hamilton for over ten years, hold him in high respect, and never made any statement or harbored any thoughts with respect to him which remotely resemble those that Mr. Merry has recklessly attributed to me.

Mr. Merry has engaged in irresponsible journalism, not to say dirty pool.

Sincerely,


William J. Casey